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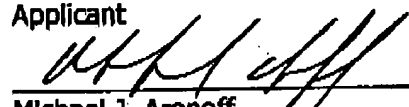
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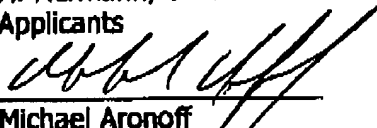
Further to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I would like to request that a new Office Action be issued and the time for reply be reset. The outstanding Office Action, mailed July 1, 2003 does not appear to conform to the requirements of MPEP 1208.02. Specifically, in the outstanding Office Action no reference is made to the Appeal Brief filed March 31, 2003. Furthermore, it is not clear that the current rejection is "a new ground of rejection" in light of previous rejections made during the prosecution of this application.

If the examiner has any questions regarding the presently pending claims which could be easily resolved by a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' representative at the below listed number.

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